

***FIRST DAY FOR
ORGANIZATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
Pursuant to Resolution 404 of 2011, adopted November 14, 2011***

Johnstown, NY

January 3, 2012

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Argotsinger, Born, Bradt, Callery, Capek, DiGiacomo, Fagan, Gendron, Handy, Howard, Johnson, Kemper, Kinowski, Lauria, MacVean, Ottalagano, Ottuso, Ponticello, Potter, Waldron

TOTAL: Present: 20 Absent: 0

The Organizational Meeting was called to order by Clerk of the Board Jon R. Stead, at 10:03 a.m. Following the pledge of allegiance to the Flag, Mr. Stead called for a standing moment of silence to honor all the men and women in the military, whose service allows citizens of the United States to enjoy freedom, as well as allow democratic government to function the way it does.

Supervisor Handy then moved for a Republican Caucus. The Board recessed for the Caucus at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 10:17 a.m.

Nominations were then made for Temporary Chairman, with Supervisor Callery nominating Supervisor Waldron. Supervisor Bradt seconded the nomination. The Clerk then called for any other nominations. There being no other nominations, the polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Argotsinger and members voted to support the nomination. Supervisor Waldron was escorted to the dais by Supervisors Callery and Bradt.

The Temporary Chairman then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2012. Supervisor Howard placed the name of Michael Gendron in nomination for Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kinowski. The Temporary Chairman then asked if there were other nominations. The polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Kemper. The motion carried unanimously in the form of Resolution No. 1.

Supervisors Howard and Kinowski escorted Chairman Gendron to the dais.

Chairman Gendron stated, “Thank you very much for the privilege of serving as your elected chairperson for the upcoming year. I know that 2012 will be filled with challenges and I will do my best to represent each and every one of you faithfully as we do the County’s business.”

Chairman Gendron then welcomed and recognized Supervisor Nancy MacVean, Town of Johnstown, Supervisor Ralph Ottuso, Town of Caroga, Supervisor Charles Potter, Ward 4, City of Gloversville and Supervisor Michael Ponticello, Ward 5, City of Gloversville. He also thanked Supervisor David Howard for his service as Chairman of the Board in 2011 for Fulton County.

Chairman Gendron advised that his message today is one of optimism:

I'm optimistic, because in 2010 and 2011, we made difficult decisions to downsize our government and make it more efficient. The Board of Supervisors followed through on those decisions by approving the sale of the Nursing Service, authorizing the privatization of the Mental Health Clinic and Addictions Services Clinic, and privatizing the Residential Health Care Facility. We also eliminated quite a few other positions in the attempt to streamline everything we do and to control taxes. Our professional department heads are dedicated and were exemplary in working through these steps with the Board. The results of these difficult decisions will be a dramatically changed Fulton County government for 2012. In fact, our workforce will be reduced by over 250 positions!

I'm optimistic, because we responded and launched a planned approach to ensure the County's financial stability out into the future.

I'm optimistic, because I know that Fulton County has a strong track record of taking action to improve the quality of life in our communities.

1. In the late 1980's, it was County officials who took the bull by the horns to confront the solid waste disposal needs of our municipalities and build a state-of-the art Landfill and Recycling system.
2. In the early 1990's, the Board of Supervisors sponsored a series of community roundtable meetings that led to the formation of a County Demolition Team which is a model for other counties and cities to emulate.
3. A little later in the 90's, Fulton County became one of the first counties in the state to implement a consolidated E911 Central Dispatch Center for all emergency services throughout the county.
4. Around the same time, the County created a countywide Central Fuel Depot which saves our local municipalities and school districts thousands of dollars each year.
5. In the mid 90's, all of our municipalities were instrumental in saving taxpayer dollars by working together to group-purchase liability and casualty insurance. This consolidation effort eventually led to the creation of the New York State Municipal Insurance Reciprocal which benefits municipalities statewide.
6. Six years ago, the Board of Supervisors merged the Buildings and Grounds Department and the Highway Department making those operations more cost-effective and efficient.

I'm optimistic, because just this year, we partnered with Montgomery County officials to develop and endorse a Regional Business Plan to move our counties forward together.

I'm optimistic, because Fulton County leaders acted quickly to seize the opportunity to redevelop the former Tryon Youth Facility Campus and position our area for a whole host of economic development opportunities. I expect that these opportunities will include business and jobs for our residents linked to our new neighbor Global Foundries.

I'm optimistic, because Fulton County has dramatically low debt compared to other counties.

I'm optimistic, because I think that our residents are thinking more about spending locally to keep their sales tax dollars in our communities.

I'm optimistic, because I know that this Board's members will continue the full court press with NYSAC to challenge State elected officials to deliver on their promises of meaningful Medicaid and mandate relief.

I'm optimistic, because I'm honored to serve with an excellent and committed group of colleagues. You all work hard, and you believe that what we do here is important. Just last month, this Board looked at itself. We voted to alter our operating rules to reduce the number of standing committees from 9 to 7. It was a good change and another step for streamlining government; however, it made choosing committee assignments very difficult because we have many dedicated and qualified leaders in this room.

That's why I'm optimistic, and I bet you can name many additional reasons to be optimistic about Fulton County's prospects. Join me, because tomorrow we get started....God Bless America and God Bless the Fulton County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Gendron then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for 2012. Supervisor Callery nominated Supervisor Waldron. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bradt. Chairman Gendron then asked if there were other nominations. Supervisor Johnson moved that the polls be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Argotsinger and members voted to close the polls.

A vote was held and unanimously approved in the form of Resolution No. 2.

Action was then taken on Resolutions 3 through 16. Chairman Gendron then distributed the 2012 Standing Committee assignments.

There being no other business, Supervisor Potter moved that the Board adjourn until January 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ponticello and unanimously carried. The Board adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Certified by:

Jon R. Stead, Administrative DATE
Officer/Clerk of the Board

Resolution No. 1

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NAMING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON FOR THE YEAR 2012**

RESOLVED, That Michael Gendron of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2012.

Seconded by Supervisor KINOWSKI and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 2

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NAMING VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON FOR THE YEAR 2012**

RESOLVED, That William Waldron of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2012.

Seconded by Supervisor BRADT and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 3

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2012

RESOLVED, That the Rules of Order, as adopted January 8, 1990, and any and all amendments made thereto (last revised December 29, 2011) be and hereby are adopted as the Rules of Order of the Board for the year 2012.

Seconded by Supervisor LAURIA and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 4

Supervisor FAGAN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK OF THE BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR DEPUTIES THERETO

RESOLVED, That Jon R. Stead, of Broadalbin, NY, be and hereby is appointed Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board for the County of Fulton, effective from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013, at a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure, to be paid in bi-weekly installments; such appointment to include those duties related to Purchasing Agent, Public Relations Director and Records Access Officer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized to appoint a Deputy Clerk, at an annual sum not to exceed \$6,000.00, to be paid in bi-weekly installments, effective from and as of January 1, 2012; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint a Deputy Purchasing Agent, at an annual sum not to exceed \$4,000.00, to be paid in bi-weekly installments, effective from and as of January 1, 2012; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the salaries for the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board and Deputy Clerk of the Board shall be provided from Appropriation Account A-015-1010.100 BOS-P/R; and the salary for the Deputy Purchasing Agent shall be provided from Appropriation Account A-115-1345.100 Purch. Agent-P/R; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor DIGIACOMO and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 5

Supervisor KEMPER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLVED, That Arthur Spring, of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is appointed County Attorney for the County of Fulton for a term beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney be and hereby is authorized to appoint an Assistant County Attorney at a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure, to be paid in bi-weekly installments, effective from and as of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney be and hereby is further authorized to hire secretarial services to assist him in his duties and responsibilities at a rate of \$12.50 per hour, at 24 hours per week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, County Attorney, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor CAPEK and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 6

Supervisor BORN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BUDGET DIRECTOR/COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, Section 351 of County Law, Alice Kuntzsch, of Broadalbin, NY, be and hereby is appointed Budget Director of Fulton County, at a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Article 16, Section 625 of County Law, Alice Kuntzsch be and hereby is further assigned the duties and responsibilities of County Auditor, as prescribed in said statute, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay said salary to such Budget Director/County Auditor in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor ARGOTSINGER and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 7

Supervisor OTTALAGANO offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR

RESOLVED, That Jennifer Gilston, of Broadalbin, NY, be and hereby is appointed Nursing Home Administrator for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Administrator a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Nursing Home Administrator, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor WALDRON and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 8

Supervisor KINOWSKI offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF
INFORMATION SERVICES/PRINTING**

RESOLVED, That Anthony Basile, of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is appointed Director of Information Services/Printing, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Information Services/Printing Director, Budget Director/ County Auditor and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor KEMPER and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 9

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE
FULTON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU**

RESOLVED, That Charis Gray, of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is appointed Director of the Youth Bureau for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Youth Bureau Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor OTTALAGANO and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 10

Supervisor LAURIA offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY HISTORIAN

RESOLVED, That Peter Betz, of Perth, NY, be and hereby is appointed County Historian for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Historian a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, County Historian, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor FAGAN and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 11

Supervisor BRADT offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE

RESOLVED, That Jeffrey Bouchard, of the Town of Ephratah, NY, be and hereby is appointed Solid Waste Director for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Solid Waste Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor CAPEK and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 12

Supervisor DIGIACOMO offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICE FOR THE AGING DIRECTOR

RESOLVED, That Andrea Fettinger, of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is appointed Director of the Office for the Aging for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, OFA Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BORN and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 13

Supervisor LAURIA offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE COORDINATOR/
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

RESOLVED, That Allan Polmateer, of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is appointed Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator/Code Enforcement Officer for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Civil Defense Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor WALDRON and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 14

Supervisor KINOWSKI offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC DEFENDER

RESOLVED, That J. Gerard McAuliffe, Jr., of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is appointed Public Defender for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 1987 and in accordance with this Resolution, the Public Defender shall be authorized to appoint four (4) Assistant Public Defenders at salaries reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure; such appointees to serve at the pleasure of the Public Defender; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay all salaries as hereinabove stated in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Public Defender, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor FAGAN and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 15

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY DIRECTOR

RESOLVED, That Frank Ruggiero, of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is appointed Veterans Service Agency Director for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Veterans Agency Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor HANDY and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

Resolution No. 16

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX CLERK

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 262 of the Tax Law, the County Clerk be and hereby is authorized to appoint a Mortgage Tax Clerk in his office, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Clerk a salary in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, NYS Tax Commission, Budget Director/ County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BORN and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0